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HORRIFIED AS THE  
PEOPLE OF NEW  
GOTHAM DANCE  
MANIACALLY. THESE  
MEN AND WOMEN ARE  
GRIPPED IN A  
VISE OF EVIL--  
NO LONGER  
HUMAN.

WHAT CAUSED  
THIS MACABRE  
CEREMONY? IS IT THE  
DOING OF A MAN--  
OR A DEVIL? AND CAN  
EVEN THE SHADOW SUCCEED  
AS HE STRUGGLES TO SAVE  
LIVES AND SOULS DURING THE  
TERRIBLE--

# NIGHT OF THE DAMNED

DENNY O'NEIL and *ER*  
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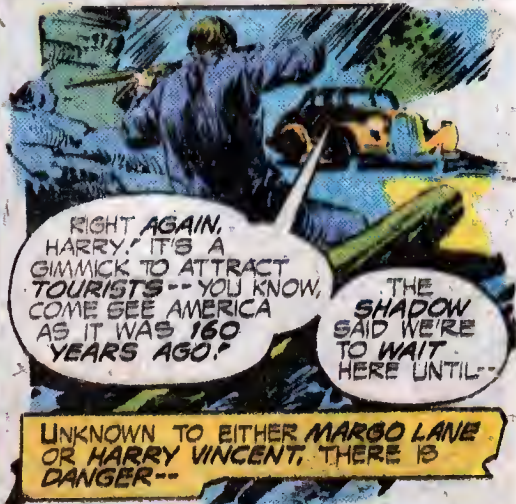
IT BEGINS THIS NIGHT...  
AND IT IS AS THOUGH  
THE GODS THEM-  
SELVES ARE ANGRY  
AS A TOURING CAR  
CREEPS THROUGH A  
FURIOUS STORM...

ANY IDEA WHERE  
WE'RE GOING,  
MARGO?



SURE, TIGER!  
WE'RE HEADING FOR  
A TOWN CALLED NEW  
GOTHAM. IN FACT,  
SINCE WE CROSSED  
THAT BRIDGE, WE'VE  
BEEN THERE!

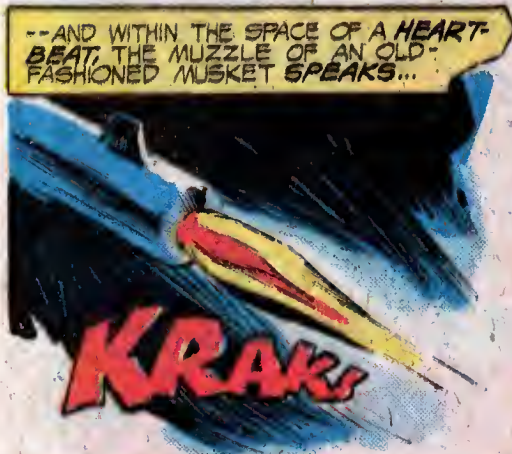
THIS IS THE  
PLACE THAT LOOKS  
LIKE A REVOLUTIONARY  
WAR TOWN?



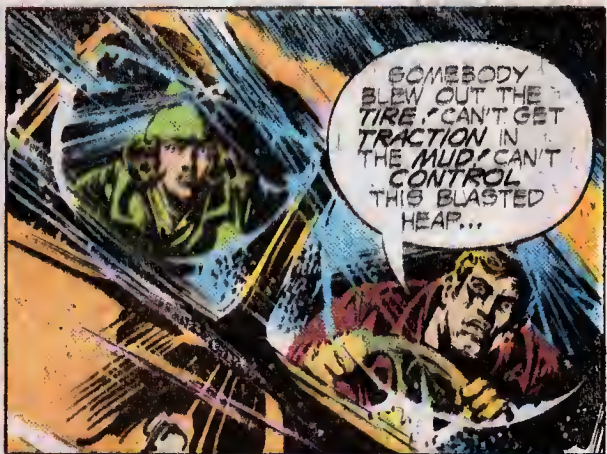
RIGHT AGAIN,  
HARRY. IT'S A  
GIMMICK TO ATTRACT  
TOURISTS-- YOU KNOW,  
COME SEE AMERICA  
AS IT WAS 160  
YEARS AGO.

THE  
SHADOW  
SAID WE'RE  
TO WAIT  
HERE UNTIL--

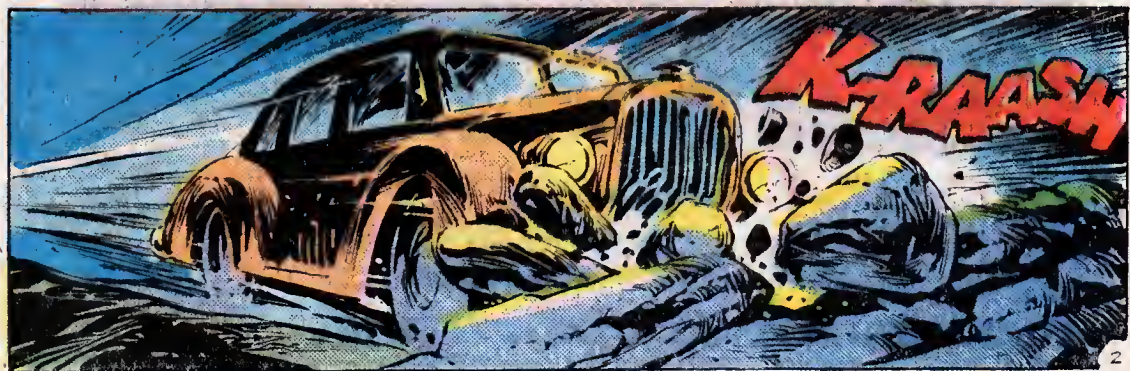
UNKNOWN TO EITHER MARGO LANE  
OR HARRY VINCENT, THERE IS  
DANGER--



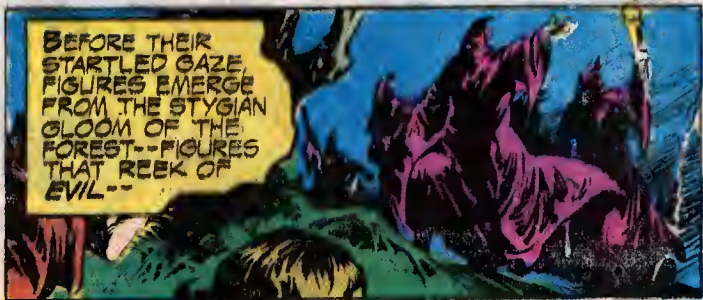
--AND WITHIN THE SPACE OF A HEART-  
BEAT, THE MUZZLE OF AN OLD-  
FASHIONED MUSKET SPEAKS...



SOMEBODY  
BLEW OUT THE  
TIRE. CAN'T GET  
TRACTION IN  
THE MUD. CAN'T  
CONTROL  
THIS BLASTED  
HEAP...













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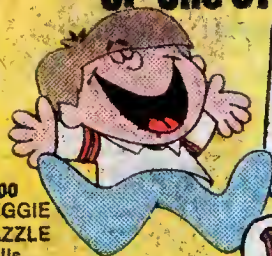
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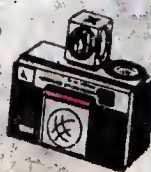


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GROOVY!

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I'LL MAKE  
A  
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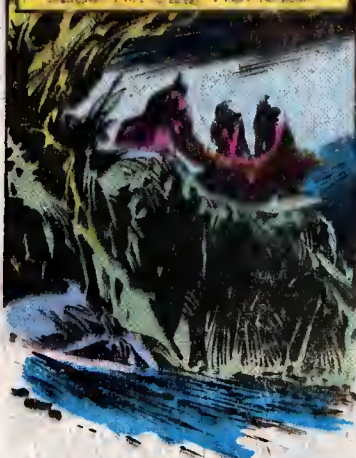








A MINUTE LATER, HARRY  
FEELS HIMSELF HURLED--



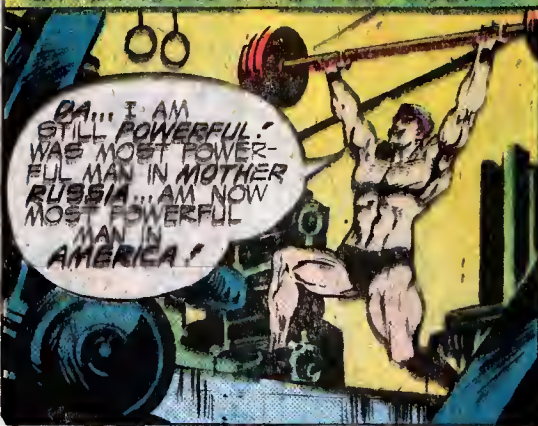
--HIS BATTERED BODY  
STRIKES THE ICY  
WATER--



--AND, HELPLESS, HE  
IS SWEEPED AWAY BY THE  
RAGING TORRENT--



MEANWHILE, IN A SEEDY GYMNASIUM  
ON NEW YORK'S LOWER WEST SIDE...



BA... I AM  
STILL POWERFUL!  
WAS MOST POWER-  
FUL MAN IN MOTHER  
RUSSIA... AM NOW  
MOST POWERFUL  
MAN IN  
AMERICA!



THAT...  
LAUGH...  
LIKE CRY OF  
WOLVES!

WHO IS  
THERE?



MEN CALL  
ME THE SHADOW...  
AND I WOULD HAVE  
INFORMATION  
FROM YOU, SERGEI  
DIAGHILEV!

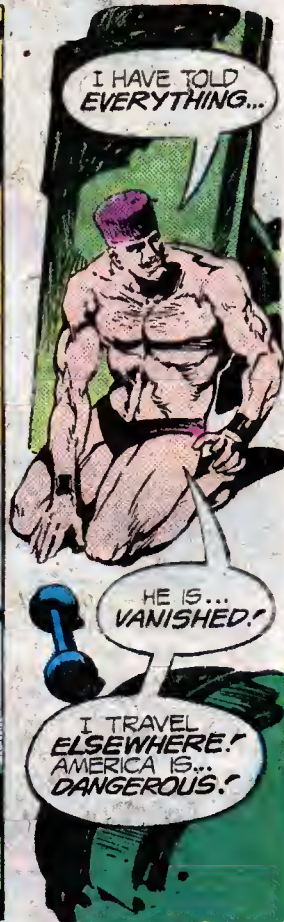
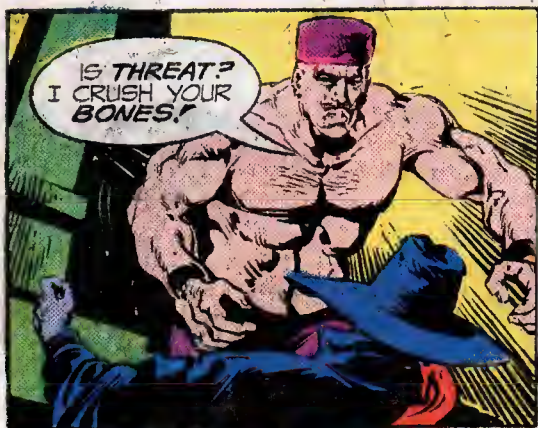


HO!  
SERGEI  
TALKS TO  
NOBODY!



YOU'LL SPEAK  
TO ME! YOU  
HAVE NO  
CHOICE!



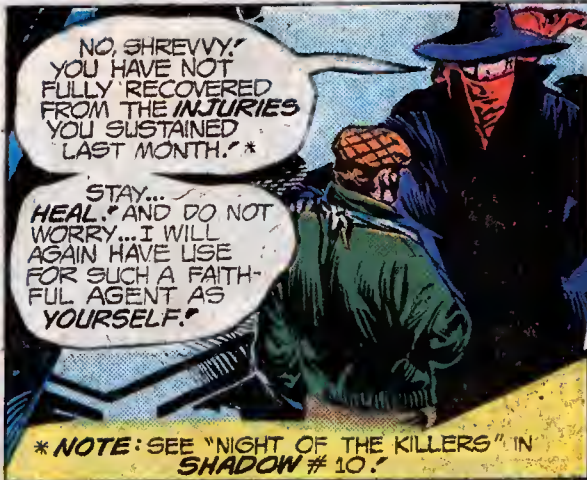






PREPARE  
THE AUTO-  
GYRO. I LEAVE  
IMMEDIATELY!

CAN I  
COME WITH  
YA, SHADOW?



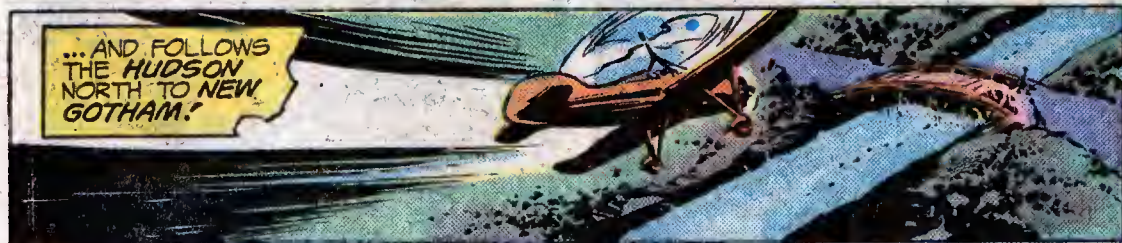
NO, SHREVVY!  
YOU HAVE NOT  
FULLY RECOVERED  
FROM THE INJURIES  
YOU SUSTAINED  
LAST MONTH.\*

STAY...  
HEAL. AND DO NOT  
WORRY... I WILL  
AGAIN HAVE USE  
FOR SUCH A FAITH-  
FUL AGENT AS  
YOURSELF.\*

\* NOTE: SEE "NIGHT OF THE KILLERS" IN  
SHADOW # 10.\*



SOON, A DOUBLE-  
ENGINE CRAFT  
RISES FROM A  
HIDDEN BASE...



... AND FOLLOWS  
THE HUDSON  
NORTH TO NEW  
GOTHAM.\*



THE STEEL-EYED  
PILOT PEERS  
DOWNWARD--



-- AND, IN THE SWIFTLY  
GATHERING TWILIGHT,  
GAZES AT TOWNS-  
FOLK IN COLONIAL-  
GARB DESTROYING  
THE ONLY ENTRANCE  
TO THE TOWN.\*





NIGHT'S MANTLE  
FALLS QUICKLY,  
SIGNALING A  
STRANGE RITUAL  
IN THE TOWN  
SQUARE...



A DEAL,  
BUSTER? YOU  
LET ME OUT OF  
THESE STOCKS  
AND I PROMISE  
NOT TO TIE YOU  
IN KNOTS WHEN  
YOU DO!

YOU  
CONTINUE TO  
DEFY ME,  
WOMAN?



RELAX...LET  
YOUR SOUL FLOW  
FROM YOUR BODY!  
RELEASE YOUR WILL  
AND PERMIT **BEEL-  
ZEBUB** TO POSSESS  
YOU!

NO...  
NO...



BUT MARGO'S  
PROTEST IS  
LOST IN THE  
SHRIEKS OF  
THE TOWN'S  
FOLK AS  
THEY DANCE  
INSANELY...

**BEELZEBUB!**

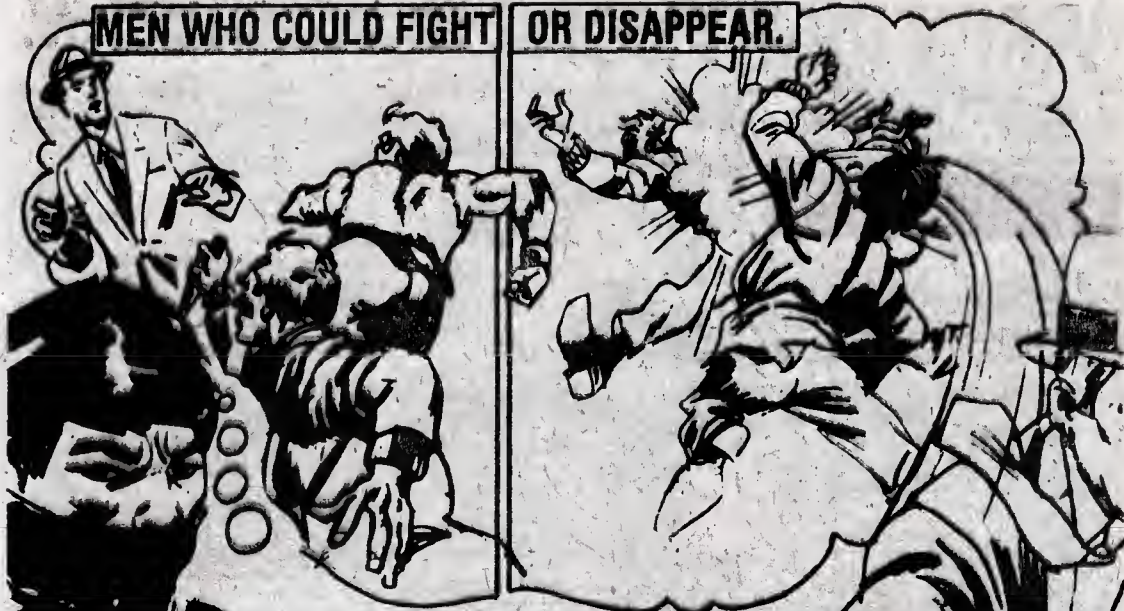
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**BEELZEBUB**

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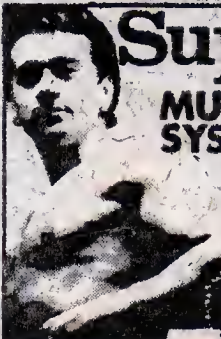
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WHAT SHALL BE HER FATE?



**DEATH!  
DEATH!  
DEATH!**



YOU HEARD THEM! YOUR LAST CHANCE... WILL YOU RELENT? WILL YOU GIVE YOUR SOUL TO BEELZEBUB?

**NEVER!**



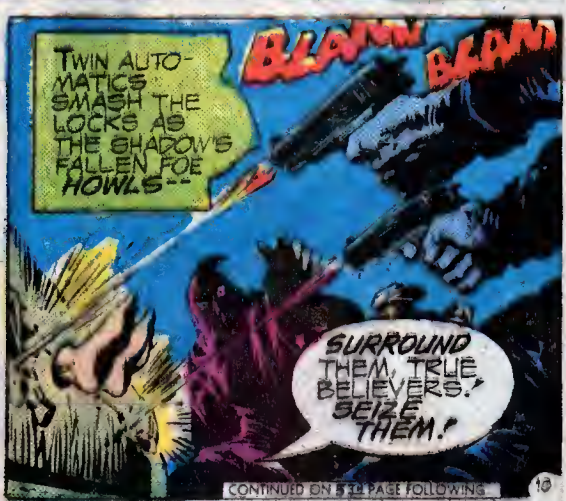
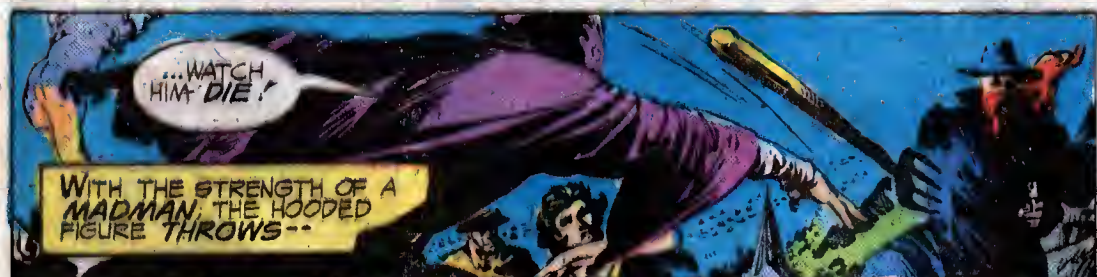
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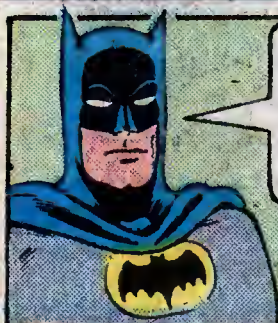
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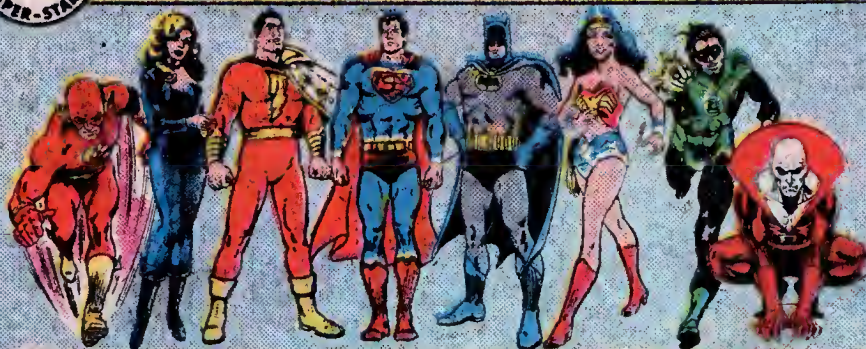
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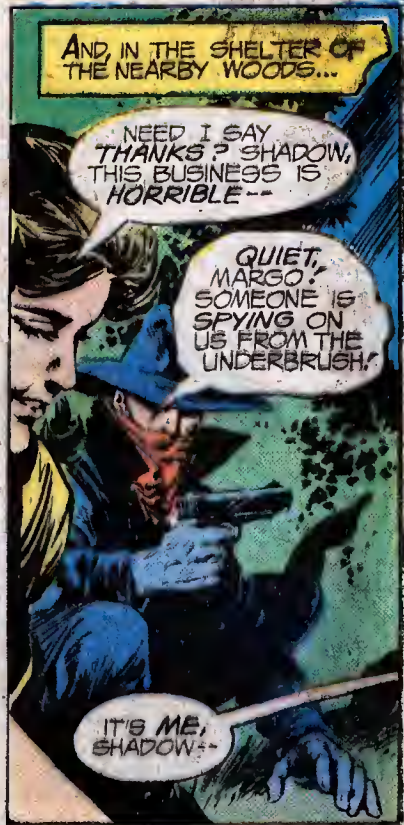




PANTING, THEIR  
BREATH SMELLING  
OF SULPHUR,  
THEY ADVANCE--



--AND ARE FLUNG ASIDE  
LIKE LEAVES IN A  
HURRICANE!



AND, IN THE SHELTER OF  
THE NEARBY WOODS...

NEED I SAY  
THANKS? SHADOW,  
THIS BUSINESS IS  
HORRIBLE--

QUIET,  
MARGO!  
SOMEONE IS  
SPYING ON  
US FROM THE  
UNDERBRUSH!

IT'S ME,  
SHADOW--



--MAMA VINCENT'S  
FAVORITE MAN  
CHILD!

HARRY!  
I THOUGHT YOU  
DROWNED!



NO...BUT I  
WOULD'VE IF I  
HADN'T BEEN  
RESCUED!

BY WHOM?

I'LL  
SHOW  
YOU!



HIS CHURCH  
IS IN THIS  
CLEARING!

IS  
THAT YOU,  
HARRY?

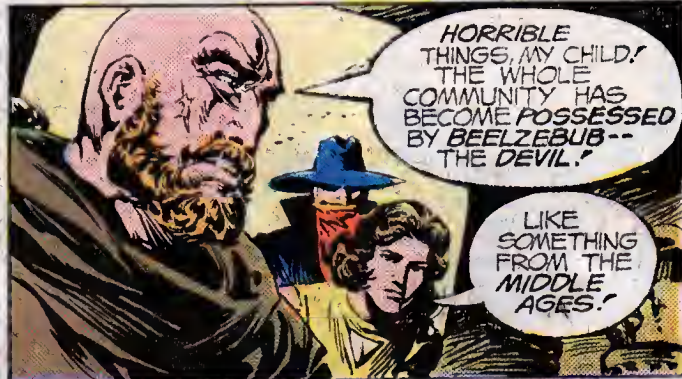
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FATHER FLOTSKY...  
AND SOME  
FRIENDS!





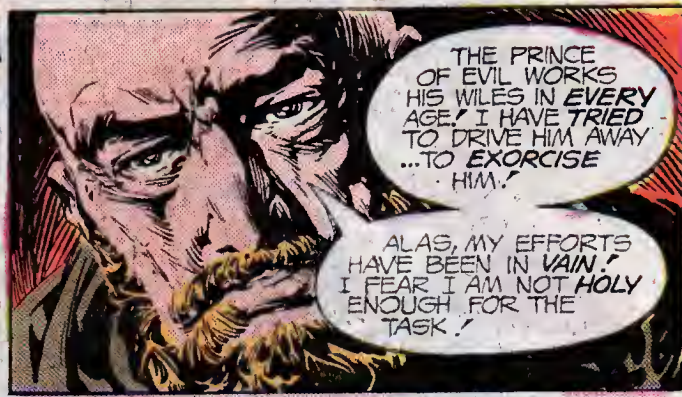
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MEET FATHER FLOTSKY.  
FATHER'S THE GUY WHO  
HAULED ME FROM THE  
DRINK AND PATCHED  
ME UP.

FATHER, CAN  
YOU EXPLAIN WHAT'S  
HAPPENING IN  
NEW GOTHAM?



HORRIBLE  
THINGS, MY CHILD!  
THE WHOLE  
COMMUNITY HAS  
BECOME POSSESSED  
BY BEELZEBUB--  
THE DEVIL!

LIKE  
SOMETHING  
FROM THE  
MIDDLE  
AGES!



THE PRINCE  
OF EVIL WORKS  
HIS WILES IN EVERY  
AGE! I HAVE TRIED  
TO DRIVE HIM AWAY  
...TO EXORCISE  
HIM!

ALAS, MY EFFORTS  
HAVE BEEN IN VAIN!  
I FEAR I AM NOT HOLY  
ENOUGH FOR THE  
TASK!



YOU USED THE  
EXORCISM FROM THE  
NEW TESTAMENT?

INDEED I DID!  
YOU UNDERSTAND  
A PRIEST'S  
DUTIES?



I UNDERSTAND  
MUCH!  
I--

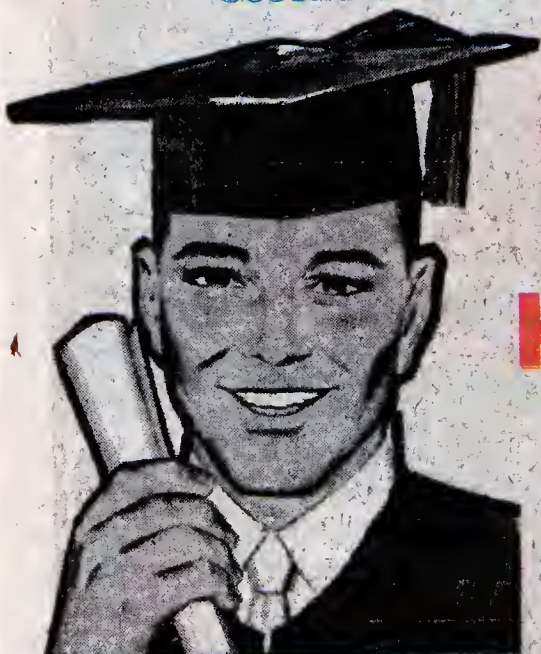
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NO!



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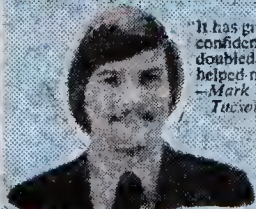
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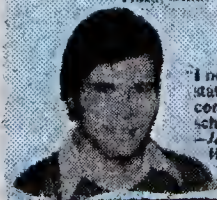
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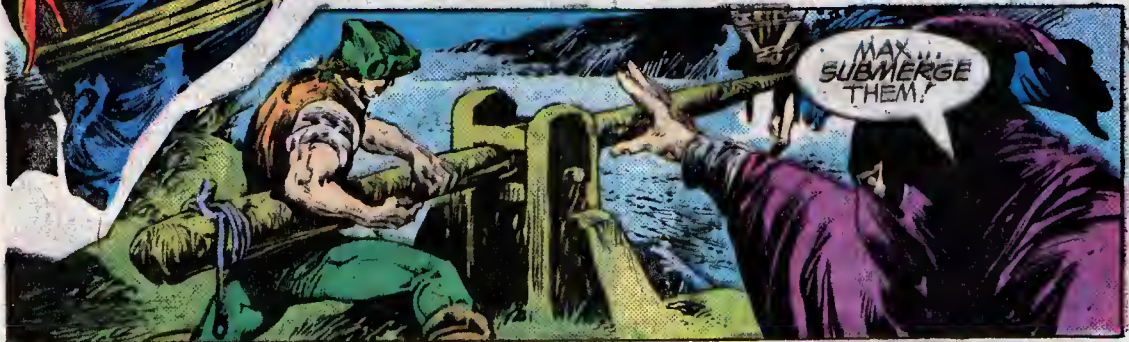
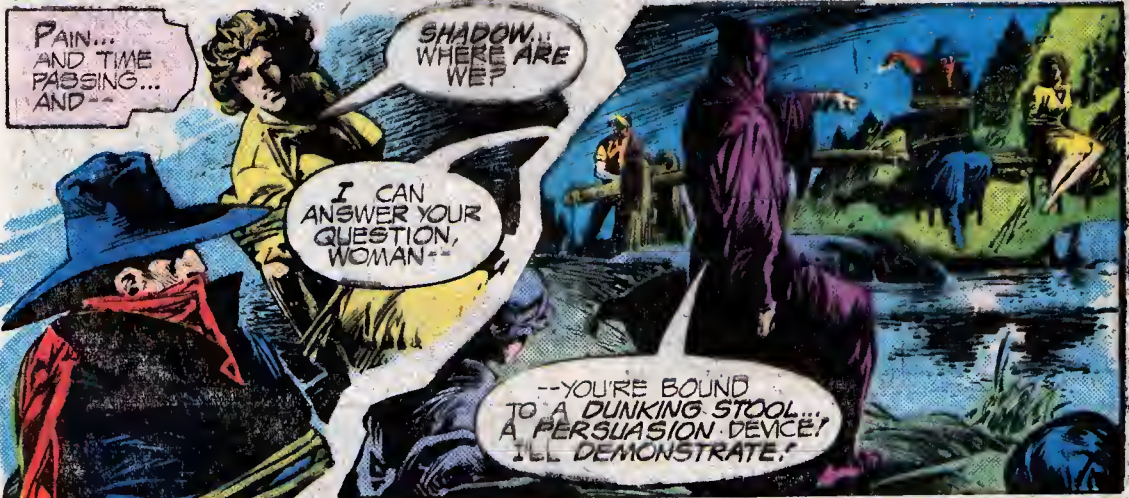
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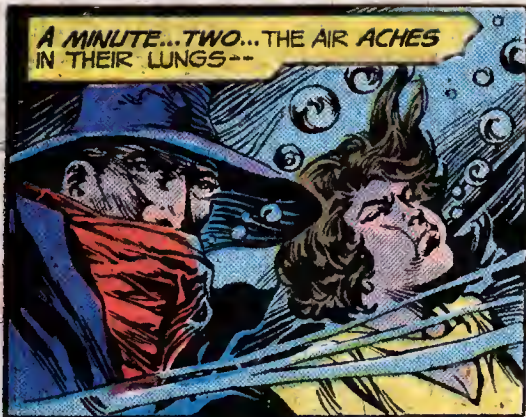
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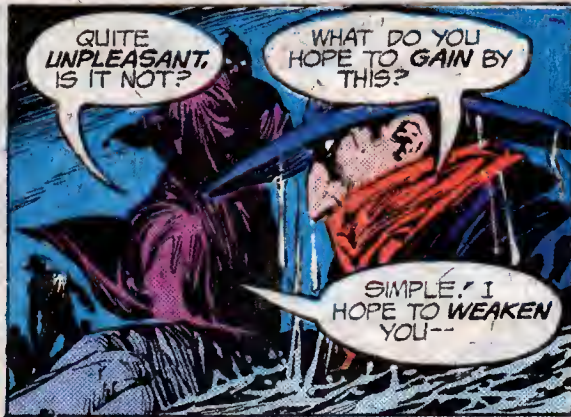
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IN THEIR LUNGS--



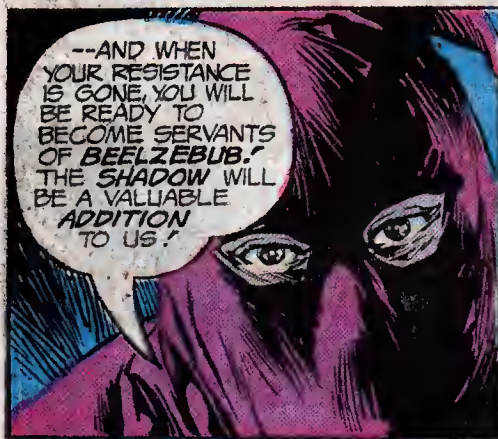
QUITE  
UNPLEASANT,  
IS IT NOT?

WHAT DO YOU  
HOPE TO GAIN BY  
THIS?

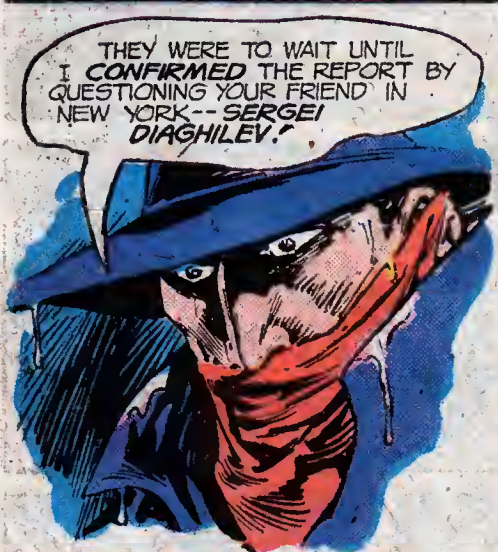
SIMPLE. I  
HOPE TO WEAKEN  
YOU--



--AND WHEN  
YOUR RESISTANCE  
IS GONE, YOU WILL  
BE READY TO  
BECOME SERVANTS  
OF BEELZEBUB.  
THE SHADOW WILL  
BE A VALUABLE  
ADDITION  
TO US!



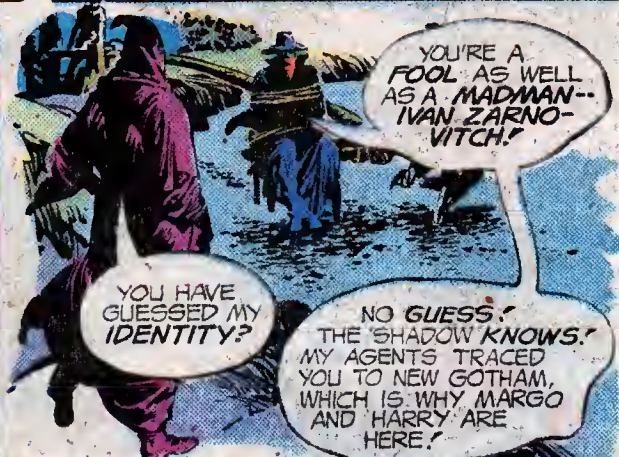
THEY WERE TO WAIT UNTIL  
I CONFIRMED THE REPORT BY  
QUESTIONING YOUR FRIEND IN  
NEW YORK--SERGEI  
DIAGHILEV!



YOU'RE A  
FOOL AS WELL  
AS A MADMAN--  
IVAN ZARNO-  
VITCH!

YOU HAVE  
GUESSED MY  
IDENTITY?

NO GUESS.  
THE SHADOW KNOWS.  
MY AGENTS TRACED  
YOU TO NEW GOTHAM,  
WHICH IS WHY MARGO  
AND HARRY ARE  
HERE!



YOU ARE  
DANGEROUS  
TO ME--TOO  
DANGEROUS!

MAX...  
PUT THEM  
UNDER AND  
LEAVE  
THEM THERE!



TWO MINUTES...  
THREE-- AND  
SLOWLY, SLOWLY,  
THE BUBBLES  
RISING FROM THE  
CAPTIVES CEASE...

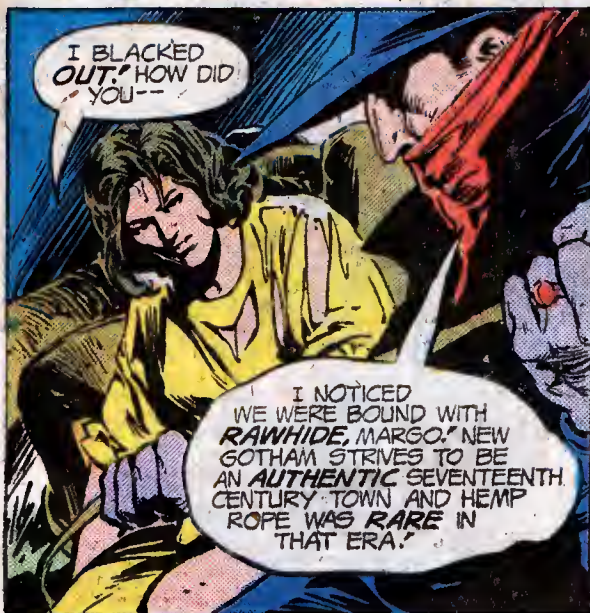
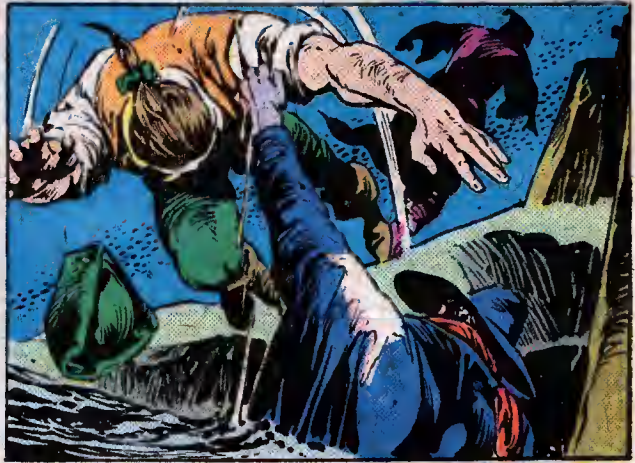






THEY ARE  
FINISHED?

UNDOUBTEDLY,  
PILGRIM. LET THE  
POOL BE THEIR  
GRAVE!



I BLACKED  
OUT. HOW DID  
YOU--

I NOTICED  
WE WERE BOUND WITH  
RAWHIDE, MARGO. NEW  
GOTHAM STRIVES TO BE  
AN AUTHENTIC SEVENTEENTH  
CENTURY TOWN AND HEMP  
ROPE WAS RARE IN  
THAT ERA.

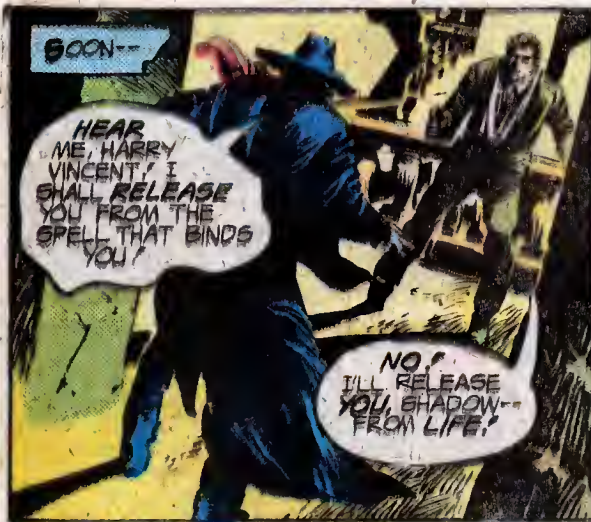


WET RAWHIDE EXPANDS.  
I MERELY HAD TO HOLD MY  
BREATH FOR FOUR MINUTES UNTIL  
IT LOOSENEED SUFFICIENTLY--A  
SIMPLE MATTER.

WHERE  
ARE YOU  
GOING?

TO FIND  
HARRY--  
AND SLAY A  
DEVIL!





SOON--

HEAR ME, HARRY VINCENT. I SHALL RELEASE YOU FROM THE SPELL THAT BINDS YOU!

NO! I'LL RELEASE YOU, SHADOW-- FROM LIFE!



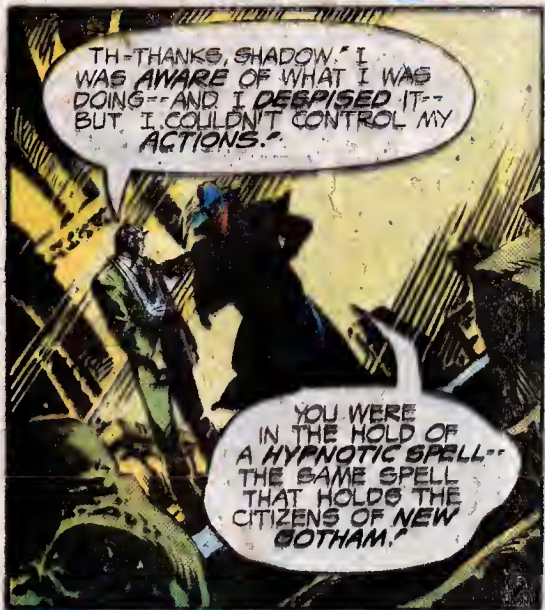
GAZE INTO MY EYES, HARRY VINCENT... HEAR MY VOICE...



...DROP THE GUN AND PEER INTO THE GIRASOL ON MY RING...

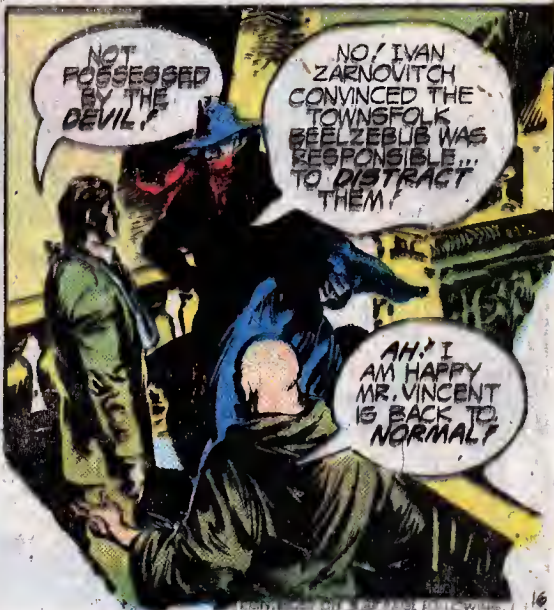


LET THE HATE AND THE CORRUPTION FLOW INTO THE GEM! BE FREE, HARRY VINCENT!



TH--THANKS, SHADOW. I WAS AWARE OF WHAT I WAS DOING--AND I DESPISED IT-- BUT I COULDN'T CONTROL MY ACTIONS.

YOU WERE IN THE HOLD OF A HYPNOTIC SPELL-- THE SAME SPELL THAT HOLDS THE CITIZENS OF NEW GOTHAM.



NOT POSSESSED BY THE DEVIL!

NO! IVAN ZARNOVITCH CONVINCED THE TOWNSFOLK BEELZEBUB WAS RESPONSIBLE... TO DISTRACT THEM!

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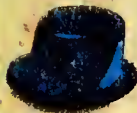
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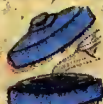
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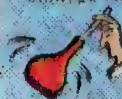
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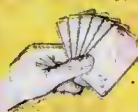
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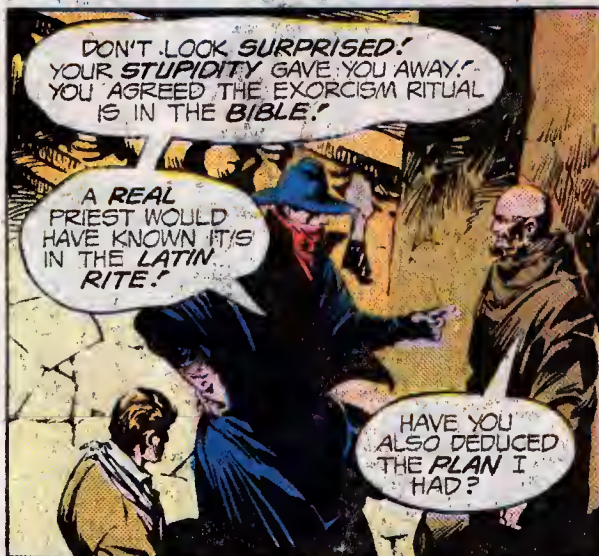
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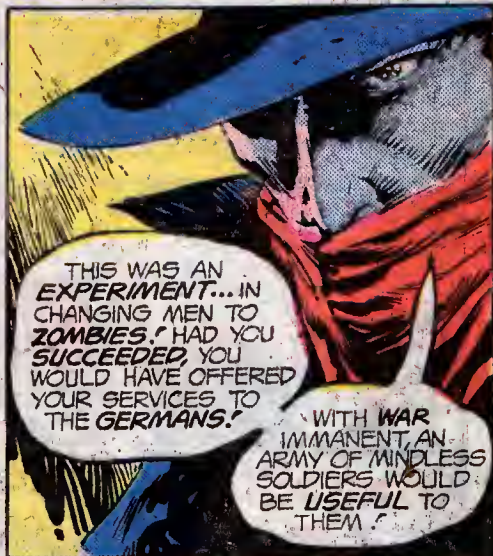
ARE  
YOU, FATHER  
FLOTSKY...OR  
SHOULD I  
SAY IVAN  
ZARNOVITCH?



DON'T LOOK **SURPRISED!**  
YOUR **STUPIDITY** GAVE YOU AWAY.  
YOU AGREED THE EXORCISM RITUAL  
IS IN THE **BIBLE!**

A **REAL**  
PRIEST WOULD  
HAVE KNOWN IT'S  
IN THE **LATIN**  
**RITE!**

HAVE YOU  
ALSO DEDUCED  
THE **PLAN** I  
HAD?



THIS WAS AN  
**EXPERIMENT...** IN  
CHANGING MEN TO  
**ZOMBIES!** HAD YOU  
**SUCCEEDED,** YOU  
WOULD HAVE OFFERED  
YOUR SERVICES TO  
THE **GERMANS!**

WITH **WAR**  
IMMANENT, AN  
ARMY OF MINDLESS  
SOLDIERS WOULD  
BE **USEFUL** TO  
THEM!



DISGUISED AS  
A **PRIEST,** YOU  
GAINED THE TOWN'S  
**TRUST!** NO ONE  
SUSPECTED A MAN  
OF **GOD** OF BEING  
A **HYPNOTIST!**

YOU  
RESCUED HARRY  
TO GAIN **HIS**  
**TRUST--** AND  
LEARNED OF HIS  
**MISSION!**  
**TRUE?**

YES...  
**YES!**



HE'S  
HEADING  
FOR THE **BELL**  
**TOWER!**

**WRONG,**  
HARRY! HE'S  
HEADING FOR  
HIS **DOOM!**



THE WEED  
OF CRIME BEARS  
**BITTER FRUIT,**  
IVAN **ZARNOVITCH!**





I REACH  
THE TREE  
BRANCHES...  
SLIDE TO THE  
GROUND--



--ESCAPE?

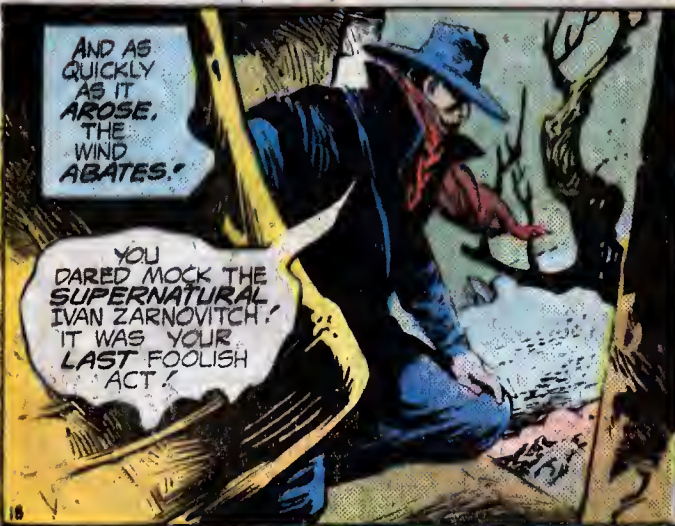


**SUDDENLY... A FIERCE  
WIND, HOTTER THAN THE  
DESERT, MORE INTENSE  
THAN A BLAST FURNACE,  
SEEMS TO SPRING FROM  
THE EARTH...THE MASSIVE  
BELL SWAYS--**



--AND STRIKES  
ZARNOVITCH!

I...I'M  
FALLING--



AND AS  
QUICKLY  
AS IT  
Arose,  
THE  
WIND  
ABATES!

YOU  
DARED MOCK THE  
SUPERNATURAL  
IVAN ZARNOVITCH!  
IT WAS YOUR  
LAST FOOLISH  
ACT!



HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

THE  
END



# THE *Shadow* KNOWS

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Whoever's responsible for getting comics into the stores of Austin, Minn., is one sharp hombre. Because I got a letter about issue #10 post-marked DECEMBER 31—quite a few days before I thought it was on sale ANYWHERE. Oh, yes... the letter—from O.J. Sprague—contained the winning entry in our grandiose "What-did-Shrevvy-see?" contest. Here 'tis:

Dear Sirs:

On page 3, fifth picture, Shrevvy, behind Harry, saw Ox release Judge Blaney when Ox was shot, giving the Judge a chance to run for it. Instead, the Judge got into the car with the Crouch gang to carry on the act.

O.J. Sprague, Austin, Minn.

Right on, and congratulations. Your prize, a Shadow paperback novel, is a mailing toward Austin this very minute. And before I leave the subject of the contest, I'd like to thank all of you who bothered to enter—approximately 1000. You're a smart group, too; all but four of that number—and they know who they are—had the correct answer.

Now, more mail...

Dear Denny,

Sometimes one wonders if the Shadow is in fact two different people, one, a mysterious cloaked avenger of evil, and the other, a black-clad superhero who says a lot of dramatic things. The second would often give lectures on how he only kills when necessary, while the first would use his powers in subtle ways, leaving the reader wondering whether this be man, or perhaps something more. Issue #10 not only featured the welcome departure of Frank Robbins' unusual art style, it featured the return of the first Shadow, who had been missing from these pages since the immortal "Night of the Ninja." Let us hope he has returned on a permanent basis. He is indeed a sight for sore eyes.

Bruce Parrello, Urbana, Ill.

Dear Denny,

I have an idea just too good to keep to myself. The "should the Shadow's origin be told" controversy can be settled once and for all.

Of course, a definite origin story should never appear—this would be tampering with the Shadow's mystique. I think that the majority of Shadow fans feel the same way.

However, the minority who want an origin story could be satisfied by a series of stories told by characters who claim to know the origin. One of these stories might be the real story—but we will never know for sure. This solution to the problem would allow the exploration of many possibilities and I think would be very interesting.

Nelson Campbell, Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Denny,

One of the hardest things to do well is to tell someone that their work is outstanding again and again without sounding corny. This is the problem I have every time I get my hands on an issue of *The Shadow*. After all, what can one say about a comic that comes on strong in its first issue and then proceeds to out-do itself in each following issue? "Fantastic" and "great" are common adjectives, but in your case they are appropriate.

Your latest issue (#10) is another masterpiece. One of the things that was brought out in the story that I was glad to see was that the Shadow doesn't work only in the big city, but in small towns as well, proving that he is a national avenger, (no pun intended).

Bill Rogers, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Dear Editors,

Since I've finished reading *The Shadow* #10, it's time to finally write a letter about your great magazine. Here's my review of the past ten issues:

#1 - Great art and story. More first issues should be like this. #2 - Great who-done-it. Fooled me several times. Cover was the worst Kaluta did, but better than other artists'. #3 - Berni Wrightson helps on the art and makes the suspense ever better. #4 - Len Wein helping on the story! Now the Shadow has a back-up artist and writer. #5 - Frank Robbins on art? His best work ever. #6 - Cover could have been on the pulps and the inside story equalled only by the art. Great coloring. #7 - Worst cover ever. The only part of the story not needed was the actress kissing the Shadow. Art good. #8 - It looks like Robbins was being rushed on the art. Margo's learning of the Kent Allard identity seems badly handled. #9 - The beginning was taken from a Shadow radio program, but was transferred to comic form perfectly. The rest of the story poorly done, but Shrevvy's "rest" a good point. #10 - Kaluta's cover and Cruz's inside work bring the artwork up to high standards.

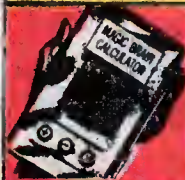
So there you have it, a review of 10 issues. Even though this is too long to be printed, I'm glad you read it.

Thomas Heeran. (No address given.)

Yeah, it IS too bad your report card is too long to be printed, Thomas...







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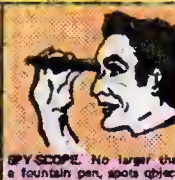
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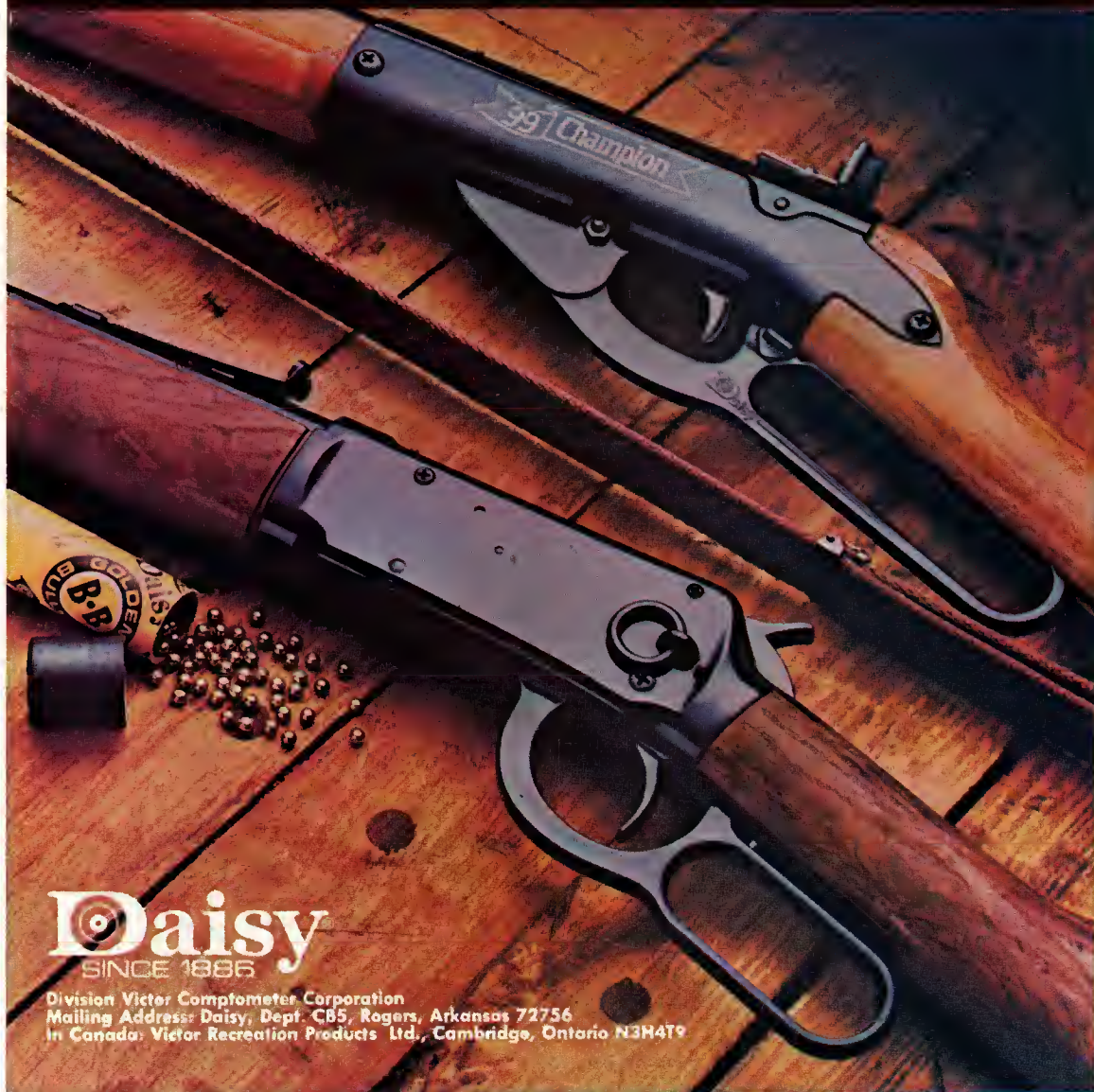
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